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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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August 8, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, the period for reply thereto being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire on August 9, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract begin on page 2.**

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**